Airbus A-320 for Indian Airlines

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Qunestion 2472 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines propose to acquire six Airbus A-320 aircrafts;

(b) whether the Barclays Bank PLC has been awarded the mandate to arrange export finance leases of about $ 225 million for Indian Airlines for the acquisition of the Airbus A-320 aircrafts;

(c) what are the names of other agencies involved in the deal;

(d) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details in this regard and what are the terms and conditions thereof;

(e) by when these air buses wolud be put into operation;

(f) what is the present position of Airbus A-320 aircraft acquired by Indian Airlines earlier; and

(g) what is the amount of losses suffered so far in respect of these aircraf ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Indian Airlines is acquiring 12 A-320 aircraft during 1993 and 1994, of which two have already arrived.

(b) Mandate has been given to Barclays Bank, PLC for arranging finance for the first six aircraft.

(c) The names of the other main banks involved are (1) SBI European Bank Ltd., London (2) Dresdner Bank of Germany (3) Barclays Bank SA of France.

(c) The main terms and conditions of the financing arrangement, are set out in the statement. (*See below*).

(e) These A-320 aircraft are intended to be put into operation immediately on induction.

(f) Indian Airlines has 20 A-320 aircraft including one each inducted in February, 1993 and March, 1993.

(g) Indian Airlines is estimated to have suffered a loss of Rs. 171.60 crores due to grounding of A-320 aircraft in 1990 after the air crash at Bangalore.

Statement

Amount of Loan	USD 225 Million
Rate of Interest	(i) LIBOR plus 46.6 Basis Points for UK portion. (ii) LIBOR plus 55 Basis Points for French portion. (iii) 9.19% per annum for German portion.
Repayment Terms	In 20 equal half yearly instalments commencing after six months from the delivery of the aircraft.
Guarantee	By Government of India on maximum of 25% of the principal amount and 100% of the interest amount.